







Fusion, Neutronics and Nuclear Data

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- **What is fusion ?**
- **EU fusion roadmap**
- **Neutronics simulations in fusion technology**
- **Nuclear data for fusion applications**
 - Transport simulations
 - Activation & transmutation
- **Nuclear data in the PPPT programme**
- **Summary**

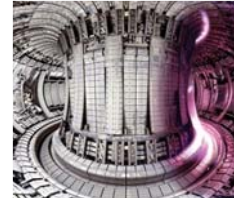
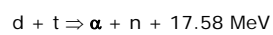
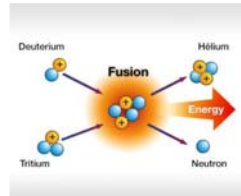
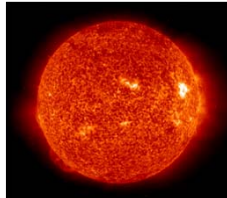
Addendum:

- **DEMO nuclear analyses - examples**

What is fusion?



Bringing the power of the Sun to Earth



- Fusion is the process that powers the stars
- Light nuclei fuse at very high temperatures
- Release large amounts of energy
- Need temperatures of $> 150,000,000^\circ \text{C}$
⇒ Plasma

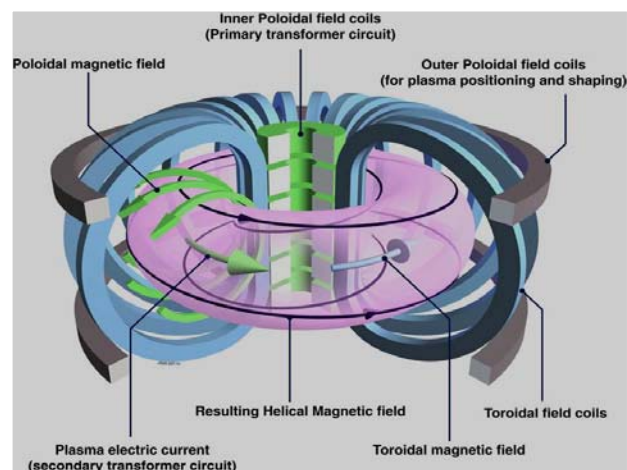
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What is fusion?



Tokamak

- Magnetic fields to confine the plasma
- Tokamak most successful configuration
- Several experiments in EU and the world



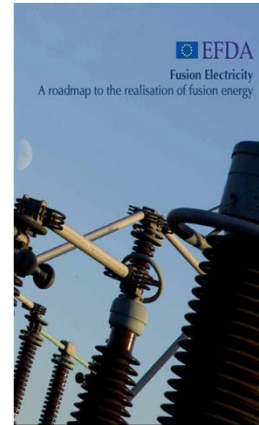
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European Fusion Roadmap



Goal: Realization of fusion as energy source for electricity by 2050 (Fusion Power Plant, FPP, to provide electricity to the grid)

- Included in Strategic Energy Technology Plan (“SET-Plan”).
- “Horizon 2020”
 - Implementation of Fusion Roadmap
 - **Aim:** Achieve all know-how required to start construction of DEMO around 2030
- Requires **three major facilities:**
 - **ITER – key facility for “next step”**
 - **Dedicated “elementary” neutron source for material development (2025)**
 - **“Early” DEMO (2030-35)**



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ITER – The way to fusion



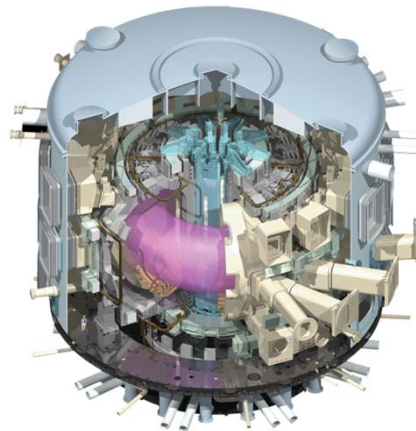
Demonstrate that fusion is a viable source of energy

Test and integrate key fusion technologies for future reactors

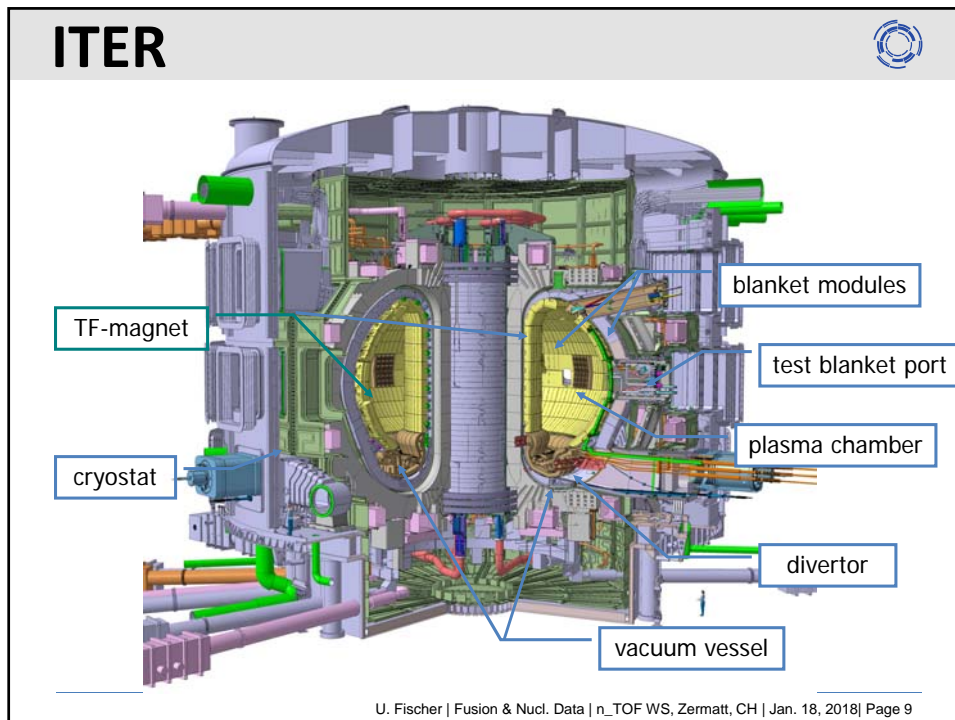
On a larger scale than in present experiments

10 times as much power out (500 MW) as power in ($Q=10$)

Study “burning” plasma and maintain for up to an hour



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EU Fusion Roadmap – once again

- **European Fusion Roadmap**
 - Realization of fusion as energy source for electricity by 2050
⇒ *Fusion Power Plant (FPP) providing electricity to the grid*
 - **“Horizon 2020” research framework programme**
 - Conceptual design of a fusion power demonstration plant (DEMO)
 - **Power Plant Physics and Technology (PPPT)** programme conducted by **EUROfusion** Consortium for the Development of Fusion Energy
 - **DEMO power plant**
 - Conceived as single step between ITER and commercial FPP
 - Demonstrate **tritium breeding capability, production of net electricity, all technologies required for the construction of commercial FPP**
 - **D-Li neutron source IFMIF-DONES**
 - Provide material irradiation data required for the construction of DEMO
- ⇒ ***Implemented in PPPT projects including design activities & supporting R&D***

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PPPT projects

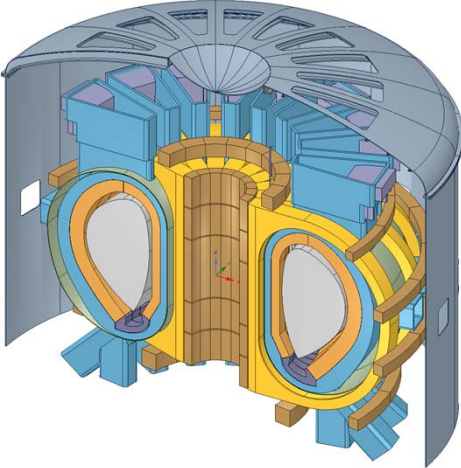
- **PMI –System Engineering, Design and Physics Integration**
- **BB – Breeder Blanket**
- **SAE – Safety and Environment**
- **MAT – Materials**
- DC – Diagnostic and Control
- DIV – Divertor
- RM – Remote Handling
- **ENS – Early Neutron Source (“IFMIF – DONES”)**
- S2 – Stellarator Engineering

Neutronics serves all these projects:

- ⇒ *Provides data required for nuclear design of plant, systems & components*
- ⇒ *Evaluate & proof nuclear performance incl. licensing & safety related issues*

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DEMO 2015 Baseline



“EU DEMO1 2015”

Main reactor parameters	
No. of TF coils	18
Major radius [m]	9.072
Minor radius [m]	2.927
Aspect ratio	3.1
Plasma elongation, κ_{95}	1.59
Plasma triangularity, δ_{95}	0.33
Average neutron wall loading [MW/m ²]	1.05
Fusion power [MW]	2037
Net electric power [MW]	500

⇒ *New DEMO design underway !*

CAD Configuration Management Model

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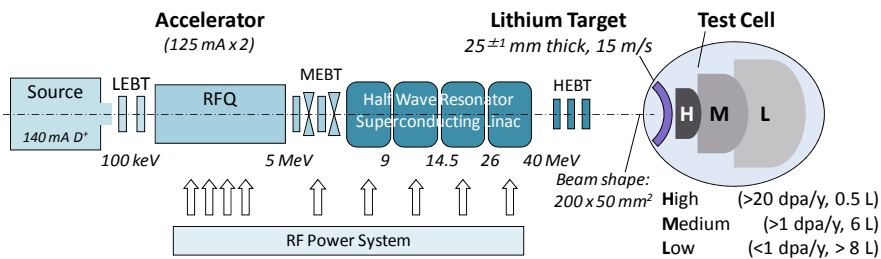
Neutronics - Issues & nuclear responses



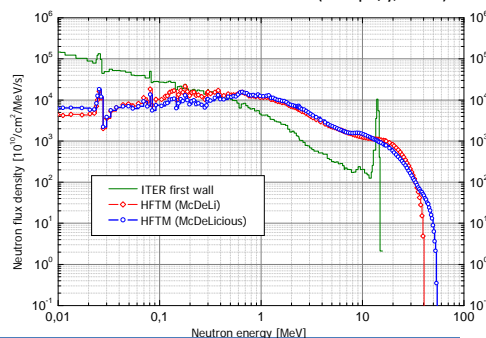
- **Tritium breeding capability**
 - Tritium Breeding Ratio (TBR); net TBR ≥ 1.0
 \Rightarrow *To be evaluated, optimized and proven*
 - **Nuclear power generation**
 - Total power produced in nuclear reactions, spatial distributions
 \Rightarrow *Responses to be provided*
 - **Shielding performance**
 - Radiation loads to superconducting magnets, structural and sensitive components/elements
 \Rightarrow *To be evaluated, optimized and proven*
 - **Irradiation effects: Activation, transmutation, decay radiation**
 - Activity & nuclide inventories, decay heat, radiation damage to materials/components, radiation doses to materials & personnel
 \Rightarrow *To be evaluated & minimized – for operation, maintenance, safety, decommissioning and waste management*
- \Rightarrow ***Suitable computational approaches, tools and data needed to provide the required response data with sufficient accuracy.***

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IFMIF Intense Neutron Source



- **Deuteron beams:**
 - $2 \times 125 \text{ mA}$
 - $E_d = 40 \text{ MeV}$
- **Neutron production:**
 - $\approx 1.1 \times 10^{17} \text{ s}^{-1}$
 - *Max. neutron flux density (at back plate): $1.2 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$*



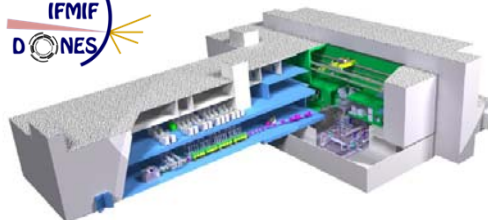
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IFMIF-DONES Neutron Source

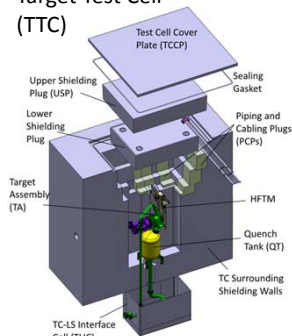


Demo Oriented Neutron Source

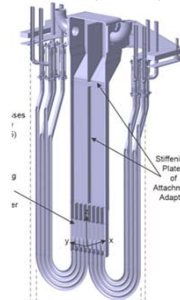
- Utilizes one full IFMIF accelerator with a deuteron beam (125 mA, 40 MeV) producing half the neutron intensity of IFMIF.
- Allows upgrading DONES at a later stage to the full IFMIF performance with a second accelerator.
- Lithium target, Test Cell and HFTM of DONES and IFMIF are identical while other irradiation modules are not considered in DONES.
- No hot cell, no Post Irradiation Examination (PIE) facility



Target Test Cell (TTC)



High Flux Test Module (HFTM)



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IFMIF-DONES Neutron Source



Major neutronics issues/tasks

- D-Li neutron source producing neutrons up to 55 MeV – McDeLicious approach
- Nuclear performance of HFTM irradiation module
 - Neutron/photon flux distribution & spectra
 - Nuclear heating in HFTM container & specimens (Eurofer steel)
 - Radiation damage & gas production in specimens
- Target & Test Cell
 - Nuclear design of Li target assembly, Li loop with quench tank, Test Cell with steel liner, concrete walls & plugs
 - Issues: nuclear heating (cooling), activation, radiation doses in/around TTC & Li loop during operation & maintenance \Rightarrow radiation maps
- Accelerator Facility (AF)
 - Radiation during operation due to deuteron beam losses and subsequent activation of AF components \Rightarrow deuteron transport (MCUNED code) & interaction with AF materials (activation, neutron generation)
 - Back streaming neutron radiation, shield design & optimization, beam dump

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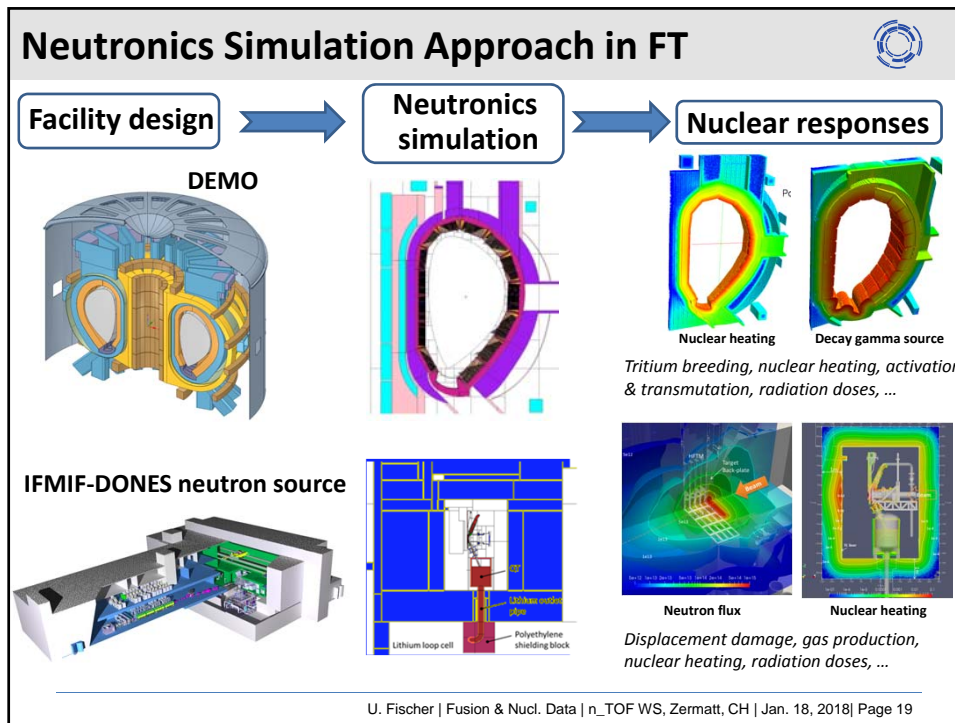
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Neutronics simulations in Fusion Technology



- **Neutron (and photon) transport simulations**
 - Basis for providing all **nuclear responses** needed for the design and performance evaluation of FT facilities.
 - Suitable computational approaches, tools and data required:
 - Method/tool for simulation of neutron transport in complex 3D geometry
⇒ *Monte Carlo (MC) particle transport technique (MCNP, TRIPOLI, etc.)*
 - **Nuclear cross-section data** to describe the nuclear interaction processes
 - **Coupled activation and radiation transport calculations**
 - Basis for assessment of activity inventories and radiation fields after shut-down as required for safety, licensing, waste management
 - Computational approaches/tools and required:
 - Nuclide inventory calculation with coupling to particle transport
 - Large amount of neutron induced **activation cross-section data**
- ⇒ **Neutronics simulations rely on variety and multitude of nuclear cross-section data (“nuclear data”) - and their quality !**

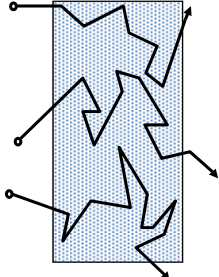


Faithful neutronics calculations

- Suitable method for simulation of neutron transport in complex 3D geometries
- High quality nuclear cross-section data to describe the nuclear interaction processes
- Simulation models which replicate the real geometry without severe restrictions

⇒ **Fulfilled by Monte Carlo (MC) particle transport technique**

- Can handle any complex geometry with high fidelity and sufficient detail
- Can employ nuclear cross-section data without severe approximations
- Can be coupled with nuclide inventory codes for coupled radiation transport and activation calculations



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Faithful neutronics calculations for DEMO



- Reliability of employed MC particle transport code and its coupling to nuclide inventory calculations
 - To be validated with fusion relevant benchmark experiments
 - ⇒ *PPPT projects BB and SAE: R&D tasks on MC code TRIPOLI and European code system for coupled transport and activation calculations*
- Capability to describe in the simulation real reactor geometry with high fidelity and sufficient detail
 - ⇒ *PPPT project BB: R&D task on CAD to MC conversion tool McCad*
- Quality of nuclear cross-section data for fusion applications
 - To be checked against integral experiments
 - ⇒ *Development and qualification of nuclear data relevant to DEMO and ENS; tasks implemented in PPPT projects PMI, BB, SAE, MAT and ENS*
 - ⇒ *To be supported by experimental programme, planned for implementation in PPPT programme in 2019*

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MC codes and related R&D in PPPT



- **MCNP-5, -6**
 - Developed by Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), USA
 - Very powerful and versatile, well validated and benchmarked, user friendly, most suitable for fusion applications
 - Standard MC code for ITER nuclear analyses, also used in PPPT
 - ⇒ *Not freely available, subject to US export control regulations*
 - ⇒ *Alternative MC codes considered in previous exercise on suitability for fusion neutronics, in particular DEMO nuclear analyses, including e. g. open source codes SERPENT, GEANT, and ...*
- **TRIPOLI-4**
 - Developed by CEA Saclay, France, mainly for fission and shielding
 - Mature MC code, well advanced in its functionalities, validated for fusion neutronics and benchmarked against MCNP for DEMO application
 - ⇒ *Accepted as analysis code for PPPT neutronics; selected as suitable candidate for further development within PPPT*

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TRIPOLI-4 MC code

- Benchmarking against MCNP for DEMO application
- “DEMO 2014” with “Helium Cooled Lithium Lead” (HCLL) blanket

Nuclear heating profile

Tritium breeding in modules

MCNP (ENEA)

TRIPOLI (CEA)







⇒ Agreement mostly within statistical uncertainties

- Current R&D work on TRIPOLI within PPPT:
 - Coupling to activation calculation scheme using CEA depletion code MENDEL
 - Nuclear data uncertainties propagation

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McCad geometry conversion tool

- **Software tool** for automatic conversion of CAD data into geometry representation of Monte Carlo codes, developed by KIT
- **Key features**
 - Based entirely on **Open Source Software** running under **Linux and Windows** Operating System, coded in C++
 - Use of **OpenCascade CAD kernel** for geometry operations, Qt4 libraries for Graphical User Interface (GUI)
 - Automatic generation of input decks for **MCNP** and **Tripoli**
 - Algorithms for conversion, void completion, model analysis, error check and user operations
 - Restricted to analytical surfaces (planes, cylinders, cones, spheres, etc.)
- **Recent developments**
 - Improved decomposition algorithms, and functions
 - Integrated to SALOME platform including capability for generation of mesh models and hybrid geometries for MCNP6
 - Source code and binaries (Linux and Windows) freely available on github: <https://github.com/McCadKIT/McCad>









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CAD to MC geometry conversion




- Preparation on CAD platform (CATIA, SpaceClaim, ...)
 - Fixing of geometry errors (gaps, overlaps, etc.,)
 - Removal of unnecessary small details
 - Replacement of surfaces described by spline functions
 - If required, pre-decomposition of complex models
- Conversion + addition of void spaces (automated)




Hybrid geometry approach

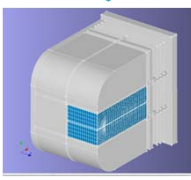
Solids



Mesh



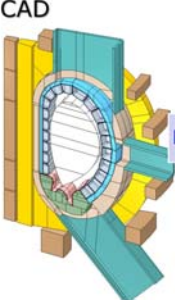
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Solids + mesh combined
⇒ Suitable for use with MCNP6

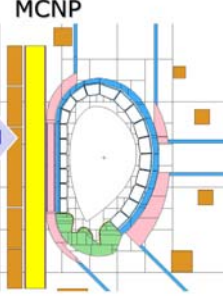
Conversion of DEMO 2014 CAD geometry model

CAD



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MCNP



McCad

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Coupled radiation transport and activation calculation schemes



- Required for calculations of activation, decay heat and radiation fields post-irradiation (shut-down dose rates, SDR)
- Two approaches:
 - Direct 2-Step approach (“R2S”) developed by KIT, CCFE & UNED by coupling of MCNP transport calculations (neutrons, decay photons) and FISPACT/ACAB nuclide inventory calculations.
 - Direct 1-Step approximation method (“D1S”) developed by ENEA & IO assuming prompt photons can be replaced by decay gammas in MCNP transport calculation.
 - ⇒ No inventory calculations required, just one single MC transport calculation.

⇒ R&D task in PPPT project SAE on development of joint European R2S code system (“cR2S”) from scratch.

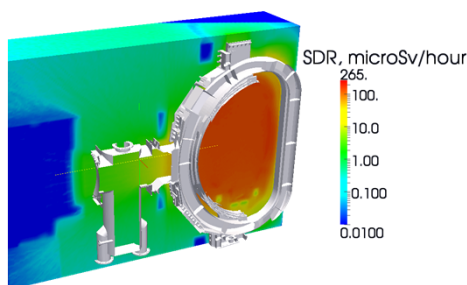
⇒ Further development of D1S system for application to DEMO

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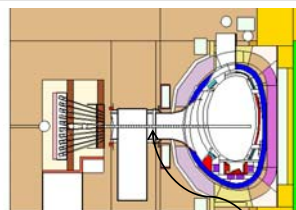
R2S/D1S validation on JET

Available R2S code systems (CCFE, KIT, UNED) and D1S (ENEA) validated on 14 MeV neutron generator experiments and JET.

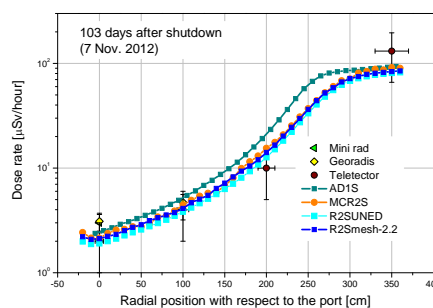
Shut-down dose rate distribution (one week after August 2012 JET shut-down) overlaid to the Octant 1 CAD geometry model



⇒ Agreement mostly within $\pm 30\%$



Shut-down dose rate profiles along horizontal mid-plane port (Octant 1):
Calculation results vs. measured dose rates



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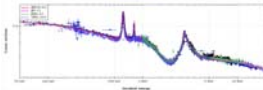
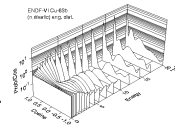
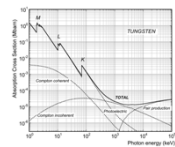
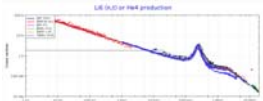
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Nuclear data for FT applications

- **Neutron cross-sections for transport simulations**
 - Neutron absorption and total cross-sections: $\sigma_a(E), \sigma_{tot}(E)$
 - Total neutron emission cross-section $\sigma_{nem}(E, E', \mu)$
 $[E = \text{neutron energy}, \mu = \cos(\theta), \theta = \text{scattering angle}]$
 \Rightarrow Includes elastic scattering and inelastic reactions $(n, n'\gamma), (n, 2n), \dots$
- **Cross-sections for photon transport simulations**
 - Neutron induced γ - production cross-sections and spectra
 - γ - interaction cross-sections
- **Nuclear data for calculating reaction rates ("nuclear responses")**
 - Cross-sections $\sigma_x(E)$ for specific reactions (tritium, gas production, etc.), and energy deposition (heating)









\Rightarrow Complete data evaluations required : all reactions, all data types, covering the entire energy range $10^{-3} \text{eV} - 20 \text{MeV}$, for all nuclides of interest to FNT, sufficient quality (!)

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Nuclear data for FT applications

- **Nuclear data evaluations & libraries**
 - Evaluated nuclear cross-section data compiled in libraries, processed for application calculations, benchmarked and validated – as far as possible.
- **Nuclear data libraries for fusion technology**
 - **FENDL - Fusion Evaluated Nuclear Data Library**
 - Developed under auspices of IAEA, tailored to the needs of ITER
 - Current version FENDL-3.1c includes a set of sub-libraries, (n, p, d, activation, co-variances, etc.), up to 200 MeV
 - **JEFF - Joint Evaluated Fusion and Fission File**
 - Organised and maintained by NEA Data Bank, Paris, addressing needs of European nuclear fusion and fission communities
 - EU fusion data evaluations are fed into JEFF and its sub-libraries



\Rightarrow *JEFF serves as reference data library for PPPT nuclear analyses*

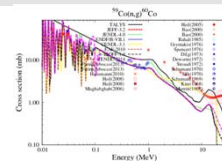


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Nuclear data for FT applications

- **Activation cross-section data**

- Excitation function $\sigma_x(E)$ for any open reaction channel producing a radioactive product nuclide
- Calculated by nuclear model codes using experimental data, benchmarked and validated for important reactions
- **European Activation File (EAF)** developed by CCFE/NRG in the frame of EU fusion programme, **servicing both JEFF and FENDL**
- **EAF-2010** latest version (frozen): 816 target nuclides ^1H to ^{257}Fm , 66,256 excitation functions up to 60 MeV.

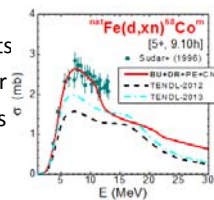


EASY Documentation Series CCFE/NERG
The European Activation File: EAF-2010 neutron-induced cross section library

J.-Ch. Sublet, L. W. Parker, J. Kopecky,
 R. A. Forrest, A. J. Koning and
 D. A. Rochman

- **Deuteron induced cross-section data**

- Required for IFMIF-DONES nuclear analyses
 - Neutron generation in Li target and accelerator components
 - Activation of deuteron beam facing materials of accelerator
- TENDL deuteron library, based on automated model calculations



⇒ *To be updated with specific data evaluations/improvements*

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General Purpose Nuclear Data Evaluations



Evaluations performed previous within fusion programme (F4E nuclear data grants/partnership agreement)

- $n + {}^{181}\text{Ta}$, ${}^{55}\text{Mn}$, ${}^{63,65}\text{Cu}$, ${}^{54,56,57,58}\text{Fe}$, ${}^{90,-91,-92,-94,-96}\text{Zr}$
- Evaluations by JSI, KIT & TUW applying **Bayesian approach** taking into account experimental and model uncertainties.
- Nuclear model calculations largely based on **TALYS code** (NRG) and different approaches for the generation of co-variance data.
- Data files include all information/data required for FT applications (transport simulation, nuclear responses, uncertainties).

Evaluation activities implemented in PPPT, running in 2017 and planned for 2018 & later \Rightarrow JEFF-4

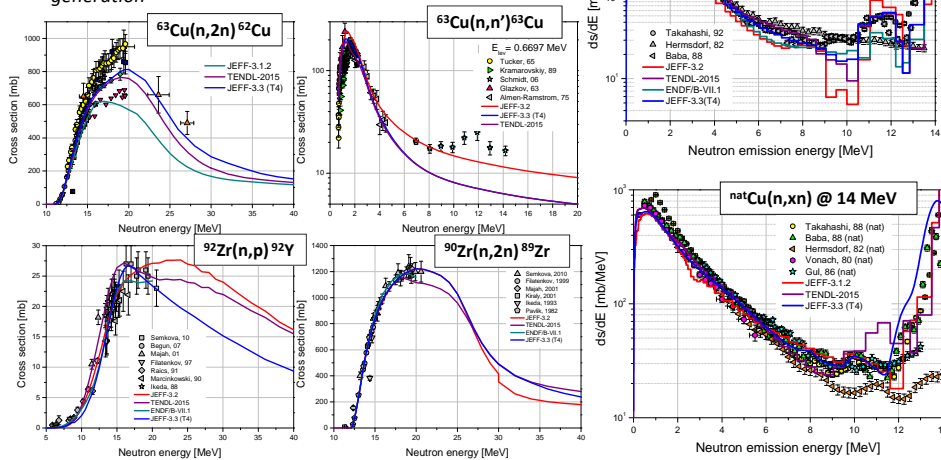
- Adaptive R-matrix approach for cross-section evaluations of light mass nuclei (TUW)
 - Trial application to $n + {}^{16}\text{O}$ incl. production of prototype ENDF data file
 - Plans for application to new evaluation of $n + {}^9\text{Be}$ (2019/20)
- New evaluation of W neutron cross-section data based on TALYS model calculations
 - Evaluation of $n + {}^{184}\text{W}$ incl. co-variance data based on UMC approach (2017)
 - Evaluations for $n + {}^{182,186}\text{W}$ planned for 2018

Evaluated Neutron Cross-Section Data - Examples



- Nuclear model calculations with TALYS and adjusted parameters
- Geometry dependent hybrid (GDH) model for pre-equilibrium reactions
- Unified Monte Carlo (UMC) approach for co-variance data generation

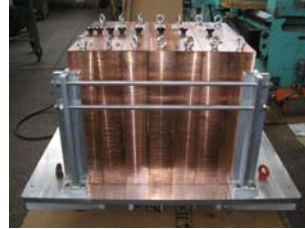
Neutron emission cross-sections



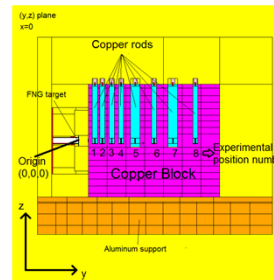
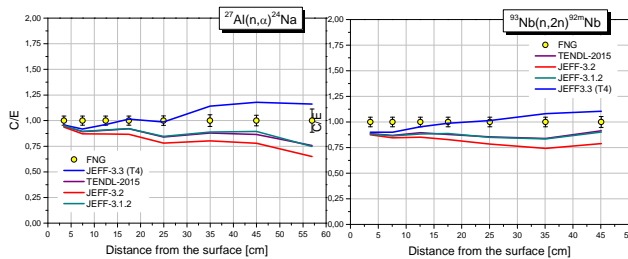
Benchmarking of Neutron Cross-Section Data - Cu



- **Integral experiments** essential for checking quality of nuclear cross-sections in transport simulations
- Irradiation of large material assembly by 14 MeV neutrons (FNG - Frascati Neutron Generator)
- **Cu benchmark experiment:**
 - Copper block of 60 cm x 70 cm x 60 cm
 - Measurements of reaction rates with Au, Nb, Ni, Al, In and W activation foils, and neutron and photon flux spectra



Cu assembly at FNG laboratory



⇒ Revealed need to revise JEFF-3.2 Cu-evaluation for JEFF-3.3

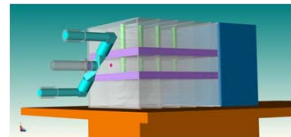
MCNP model (vertical cut)

Benchmark analyses on tritium breeding experiments

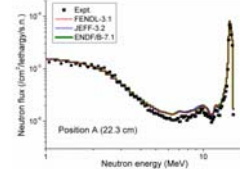


- Analyses of breeder blanket mock-up experiments to check status of state-of-the-art nuclear data libraries for prediction of tritium production
 - ⇒ HCPB (Helium Cooled Pebble Bed) breeder blanket
 - ⇒ HCLL (Helium Cooled Lithium Lead) breeder blanket
 - ⇒ Experiments performed previously at FNG
 - Nuclear data libraries: JEFF-3.2, FENDL-3.1b, ENDF/B-VII.1
- ⇒ All evaluations produce similar results
 ⇒ Tritium production well predicted for HCLL, underestimated for HCPB

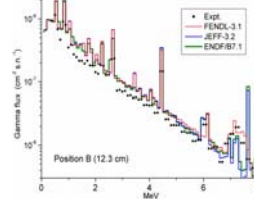
HCPB mock-up



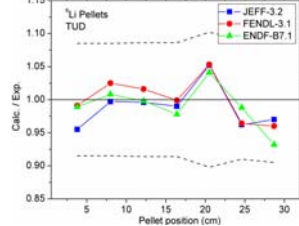
HCLL – neutron flux spectrum



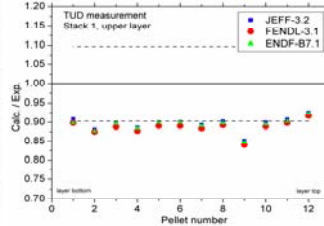
HCLL – photon flux spectrum



HCLL – C/E tritium production



HCPB – C/E tritium production



Activation Cross-Section Data Library



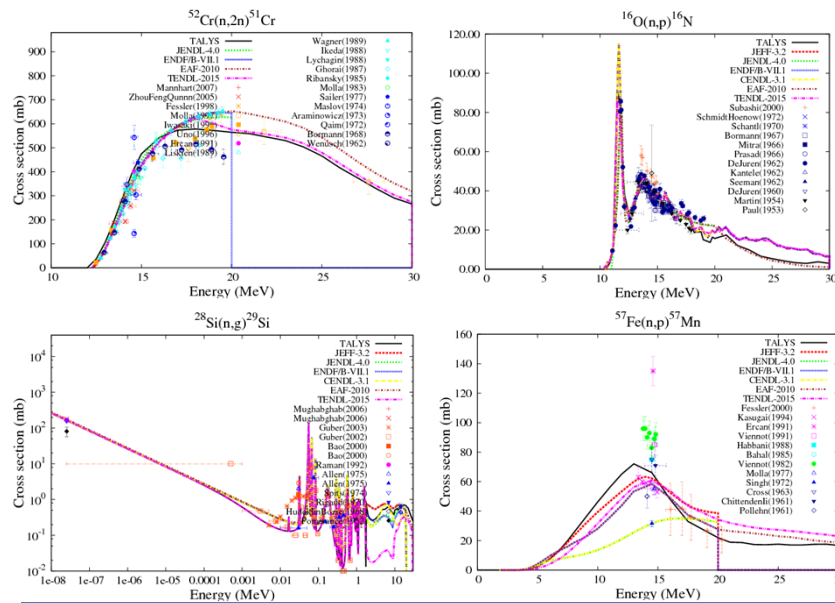
European Activation File (EAF):

- EAF series developed by CCFE/NRG in the frame of EU fusion programme, EAF-2010 latest version (frozen, no further development)

Strategy adopted in PPPT programme: Establish TENDL as reference data library for activation calculations

- TENDL - "TALYS based Evaluated Nuclear Data Library"
 - Developed previously by NRG, now PSI, in collaboration with IAEA, CCFE, CEA and others
 - Very comprehensive and complete data library, largely based on automated TALYS calculations with default and adjusted parameters and data from other source
 - Includes cross-section data for n, p, d, t, ³He, α and γ induced nuclear reactions
- ⇒ TENDL to preserve or increase quality of EAF-2010 for activation calculations by including validated cross-sections and removing g deficiencies
- Deficient cross-sections identified and prioritised according to needs of fusion programme (DEMO, IFMIF-DONES, ITER) improved (N. Dzysiuk, NRG) and included in TENDL-2017 (D. Rochman, PSI)
 - ⇒ Generation of dedicated Activation Data File ("EAF format") from TENDL-2017, to be adopted as reference data library for activation calculations in PPPT programme, superseding EAF-2010

Improved Activation Cross-Sections in TENDL



Gas Production Data Library

Gas production is an important issue for material performance during irradiation !

⇒ Gas production / damage ratio for specimens irradiated in IFMIF-DONES must match DEMO conditions

Available gas production data library

- Systematically evaluated gas production cross-section for nuclides Z=12 to 83 up to 200 MeV neutron energy (A. Konobeev, KIT)
 - Based on experimental data, evaluated data, nuclear model calculations and systematics, and statistical combination of experimental and theoretical data
 - Includes production of protons, deuterons, tritons, ³He, and α-particles in neutron induced reactions on 262 stable nuclides

Available at:
https://www.inr.kit.edu/img/gas_production_files.zip

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Displacement damage cross-section data

Displacement damage estimation

Neutron flux density

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PKA formation cross-section

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Displacement cross-section

$$dpa/s = \int \sigma_D(E) \cdot \Phi(E) dE = \int \Phi(E) \int_{T_{min}}^{T_{max}} \sigma_{PKA}(E, T) N_d(T) dT dE$$

Defect production

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NRT damage model

$$N_d(T) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; 0 \leq E_{recoil} < E_{td} \\ < 1 & ; E_{td} \leq E_{recoil} < 2.5E_{td} \\ \frac{E_{recoil} - E_{td}}{2E_{td}} & ; 2.5E_{td} \leq E_{recoil} \end{cases}$$

- σ_d(E) for calculation of displacement damage (dpa/s) induced by incident neutron through transfer of kinetic energy to colliding nucleus
- In general, use of (simple) **NRT damage model** to calculate number of lattice defects, recoil distributions from evaluated nuclear data files
- Advanced methodologies** based e. g. on molecular dynamics (MD) simulations or “athermal recombination corrected” (arc) dpa formalism

Available DPA data

- Complete data libraries based on JEFF-3.2 (NRT) and JEF-3.3 (NRT + arc-dpa)
- Dedicated dpa cross-sections for Eurofer and SS-316, reference for PPPT

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Displacement Damage Cross-Section Data

- **Advanced DPA cross-section data** up to 150 MeV for Eurofer constituents (Fe, Cr, Mn, V, W, Ta, C, Si, and N) based on an atomistic modelling approach.
- Molecular Dynamics (MD) and Binary Collision Approximation (BCA) model simulations for the calculation of number of lattice defects

⇒ *Better agreement with experimental point defect production data.*

- Displacement damage cross-sections of Eurofer and SS-316 e available through IAEA/NDS:
 - Eurofer:** https://www-nds.iaea.org/public/download-endf/DXS/EUROFER_dpa-XS/ACE
 - SS-316:** https://www-nds.iaea.org/public/download-endf/DXS/SS-316_dpa-XS/ACE/

⇒ *Provided as ACE data files for use with MCNP as dosimetry cross-sections*

⇒ *Recommended for use in PPPT neutronics (“Guidelines for for Neutronic Analyses”)*

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Displacement Damage Cross-Section Data Library

- Complete **DPA (NRT) cross-section data library** up to 150 MeV for 53 elements (171 nuclides)
- Based on processing of **JEFF-3.2** data with suitable extensions/corrections based on TENDL-2015

New approach adopted in running PPPT programme :

- **Arc dpa^(*)** data which take into account lattice defects surviving thermal annealing
- Data library produced for elements Li to U based on cross-section data from **JEFF-3.3**.
- Available at NEA DB as sub-library to JEFF-3.3 (Nov. 2017)

Arc dpa vs NRT dpa

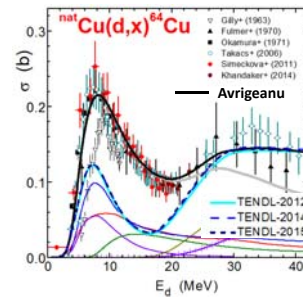
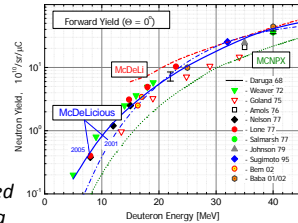
(*) K. Nordlund et al., NEA/NSC/DOC(2015)9, OECD 2015

Deuteron Induced Cross-Section Data



Required for IFMIF-DONES neutron source facility – ENS (Early Neutron Source) project in PPPT programme

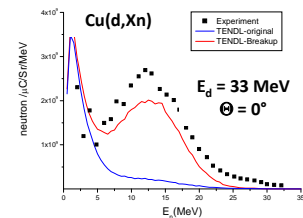
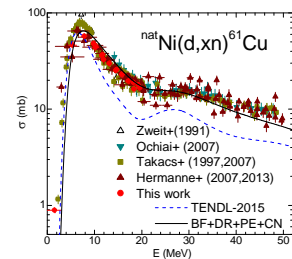
- Neutron generation in Li target: ${}^6,7\text{Li}(d, xn)$ cross-section data provided with McDeLicious MC code, validated with measured thin and thick target yield data
- Deuteron cross – section data for activation calculations:
 - ⇒ Available with TENDL data library, largely based on automated TALYS calculations with default model and parameters lacking sufficient accuracy
 - ⇒ Dedicated effort in PPPT programme to improve nuclear models describing deuteron induced reaction mechanisms
- Deuteron cross – section data for transport simulations:
 - ⇒ Available with the same TENDL deuteron data library
 - ⇒ Can be used in deuteron transport simulations with MC code MCUNED (P. Sauvan, UNED)
 - ⇒ In general, poor data quality because of deficient reaction models in TALYS, to be improved !



Deuteron Induced Cross-Section Data



- d-induced activation cross-sections available for ${}^{27}\text{Al}$, ${}^{54,56,57,58}\text{Fe}$, ${}^{58,60,61,62,64}\text{Ni}$, ${}^{63,65}\text{Cu}$, and ${}^{93}\text{Nb}$ up to 60 MeV deuteron energy with improved nuclear models (M. Avrigeanu, IFIN-HH)
 - ⇒ Improved activation cross-sections to be included in new TENDL deuteron data library, extension to other nuclides
- Deuteron transport : Parameterised representation of deuteron break-up implemented MCUNED code (P. Sauvan, UNED)
- Successfully tested with ad-hoc modified TENDL deuteron data library
 - ⇒ Data for transport simulations to be improved in TENDL



Planned activities in PPPT (2018 and later) ⇒ JEFF-4

- Improved modelling of d induced reactions in TALYS code
- Updated versions of TENDL deuteron library for transport and activation simulations

Summary



- Nuclear data for fusion technology
 - *High quality data essential for design optimization, performance evaluation; safety, maintenance and waste management*
 - ⇒ *Pre-requisite to ensure reliable analyses and results*
- Requires dedicated development efforts
 - Tailored to PPPT project needs: DEMO, IFMIF-DONES
 - ⇒ *Nuclear data for transport simulations – neutrons, deuterons*
 - ⇒ *Activation cross-section data - neutrons, deuterons*
 - ⇒ *Special purpose data, e. g. displacement damage, gas production*
- Requires benchmarking against integral experiments
 - *Neutron transport/shielding, breeding, activation*
 - ⇒ *To be conducted within PPPT programme according to project needs*

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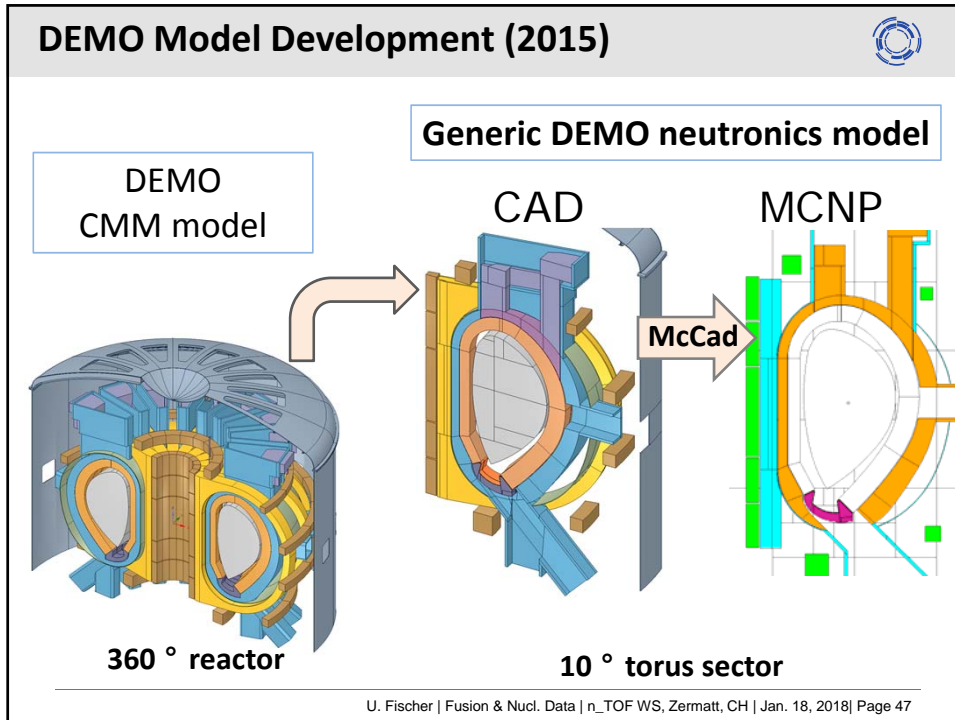


- What is fusion ?
- EU fusion roadmap
- Neutronics simulations in fusion technology
- Nuclear data for fusion applications
- Nuclear data in the PPPT programme
- Summary

Addendum:

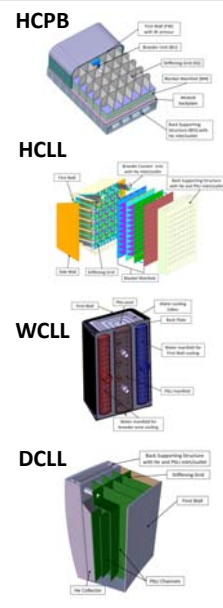
- **DEMO nuclear analyses - examples**

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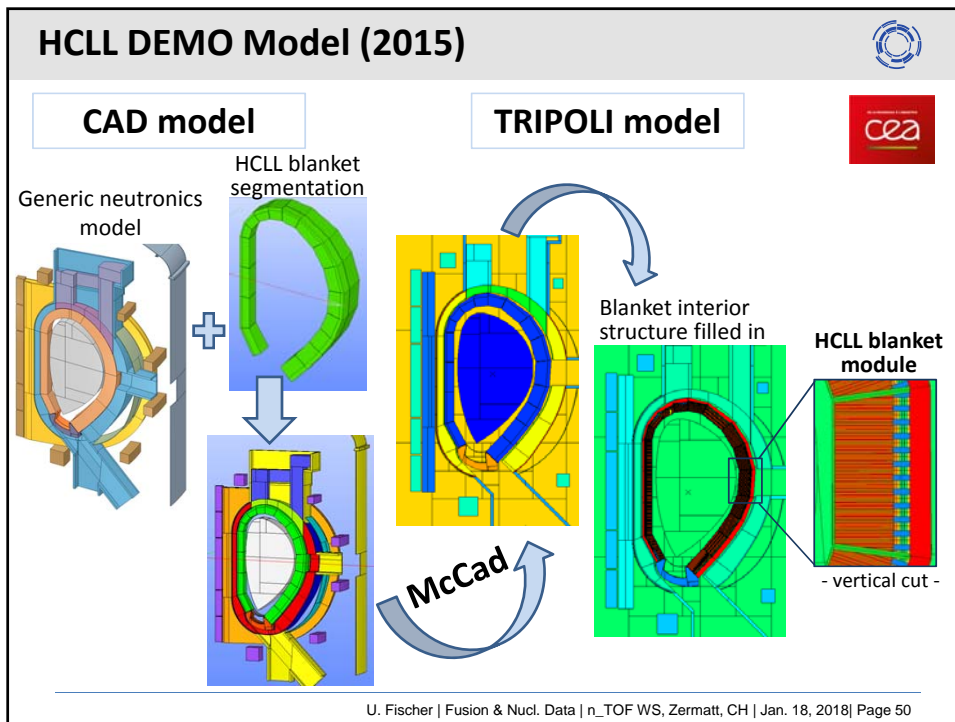
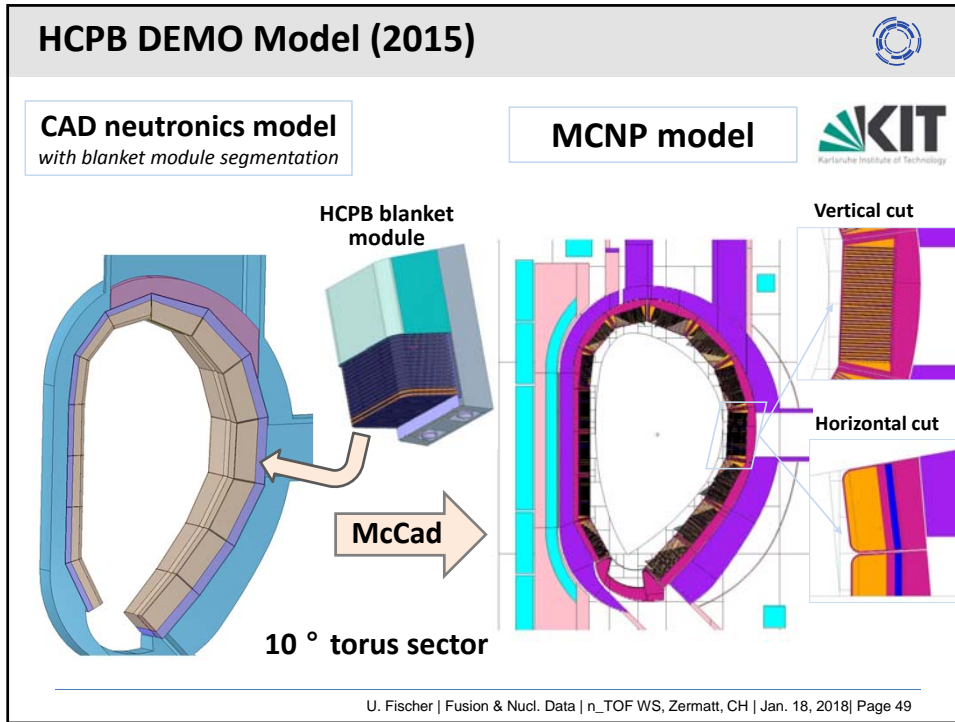


Breeder Blanket Design

- **Breeder blanket concepts considered in PPPT for DEMO:**
 - Helium Cooled Pebble Bed (**HCPB**) blanket, Beryllium as neutron multiplier and He gas as coolant,
 - Helium Cooled Lithium Lead (**HCLL**), PbLi breeder and He gas as coolant,
 - Water Cooled Lithium Lead (**WCLL**), PbLi as breeder and water as coolant,
 - the Dual Coolant Lithium Lead (**DCLL**), PbLi as breeder and coolant, and He gas as coolant for the structure.
- **Required nuclear analyses:**
 - Design optimisation & evaluation (TBR, shielding)
 - Nuclear heating for thermal-hydraulic layout
 - Activation, afterheat for safety and waste management



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Tritium breeding potential

- DEMO requires **Tritium self-sufficiency**:
 \Rightarrow Net Tritium Breeding Ratio (TBR) > 1.0
- **DEMO design target**: TBR \geq 1.10
 (To be proven by 3D Monte Carlo calculation without blanket ports).

Blanket	TBR (reference design)	TBR (design variations)	Remarks
HCPB	1.20	1.17 – 1.37	DEMO 2015 baseline, a variety of design variations considered
HCLL	1.15	1.15 – 1.22	DEMO 2015 baseline, some design variations considered
DCLL	1.10	-	DEMO 2014 baseline
WCLL	1.13	-	DEMO 2015 baseline with homogeneous breeder mixture

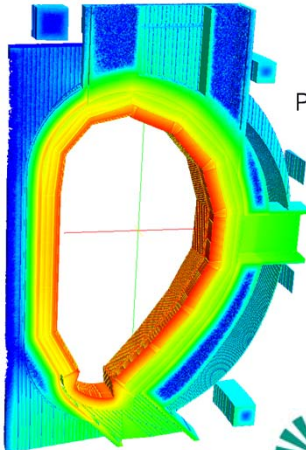
\Rightarrow All blanket concepts show sufficient tritium breeding capability for DEMO

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Nuclear power generation in DEMO


HCPB DEMO

3D distribution of power density



Power density (W/cm³)

1.0e+001
 1.0e+001
 1.0e+000
 1.0e-001
 1.0e-002
 1.0e-003
 1.0e-004
 1.0e-005
 1.0e-006


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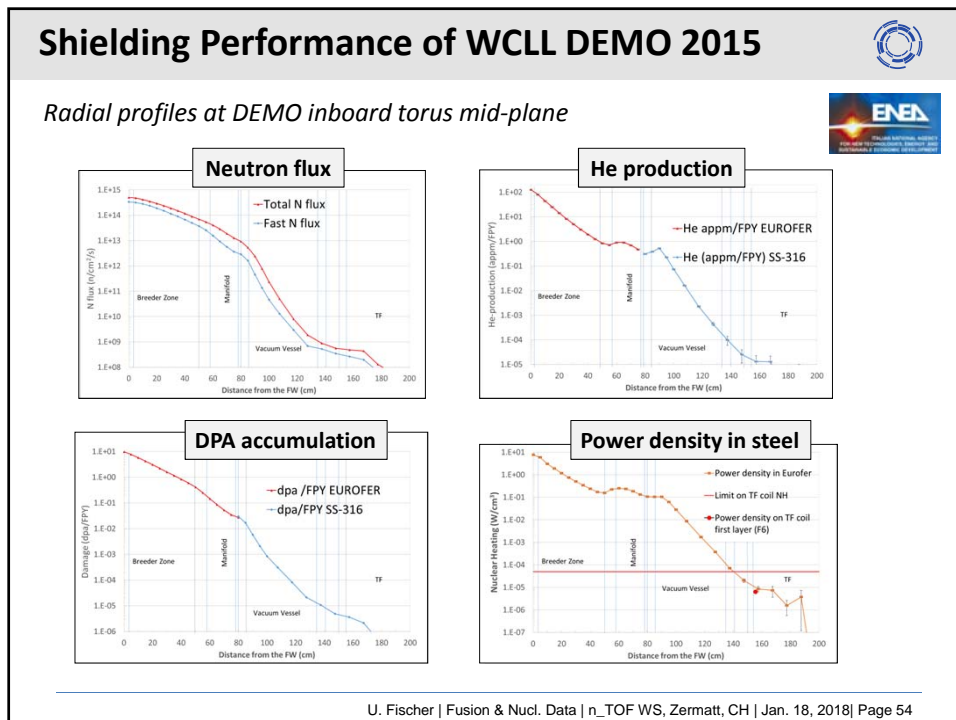
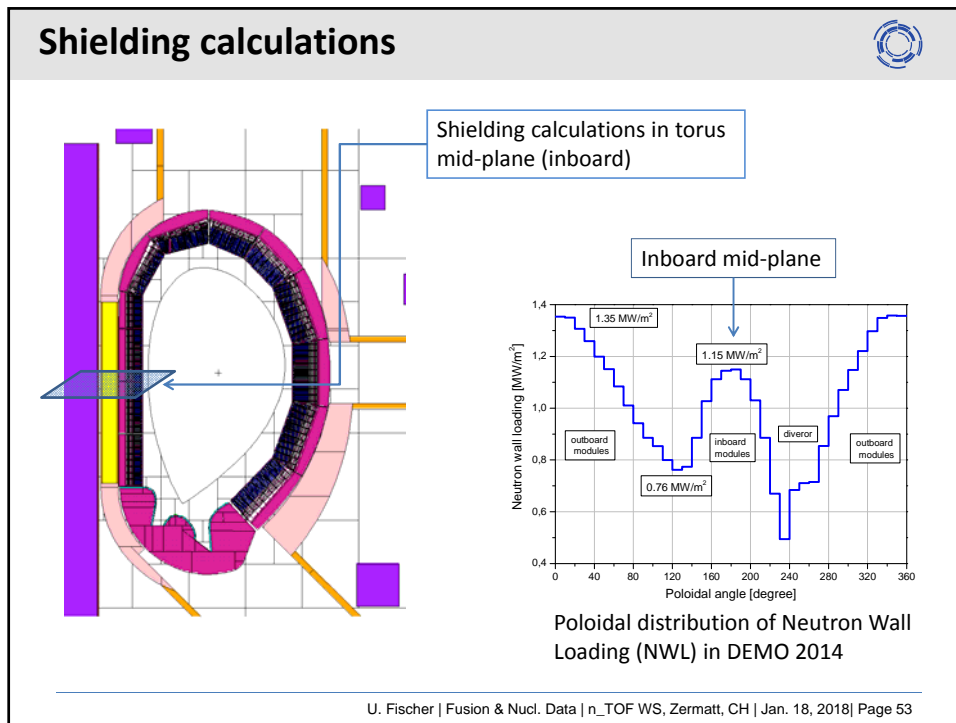
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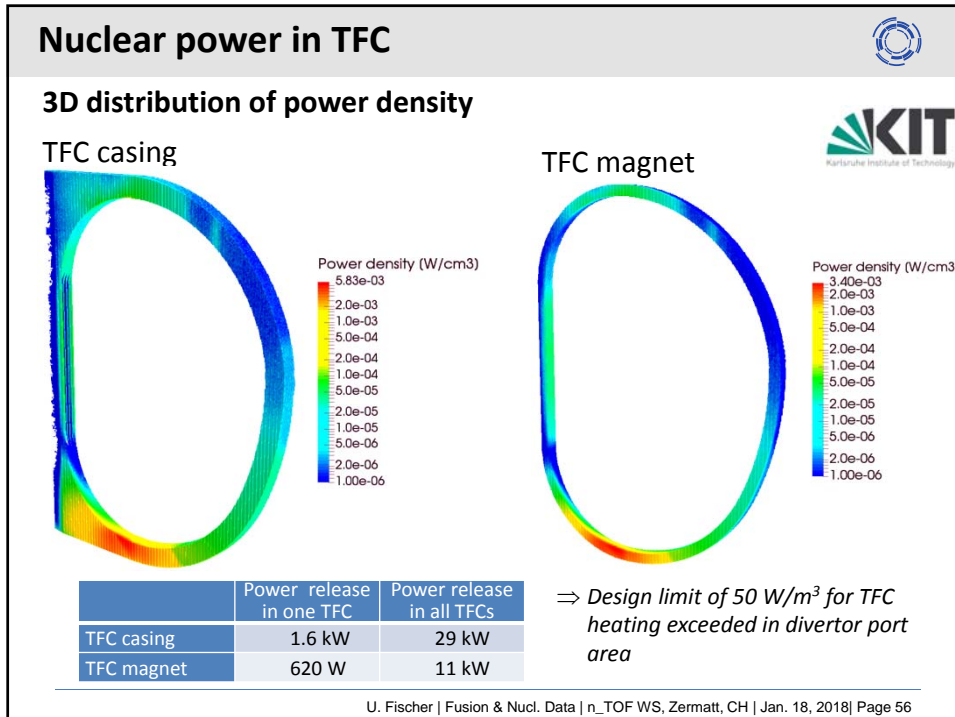
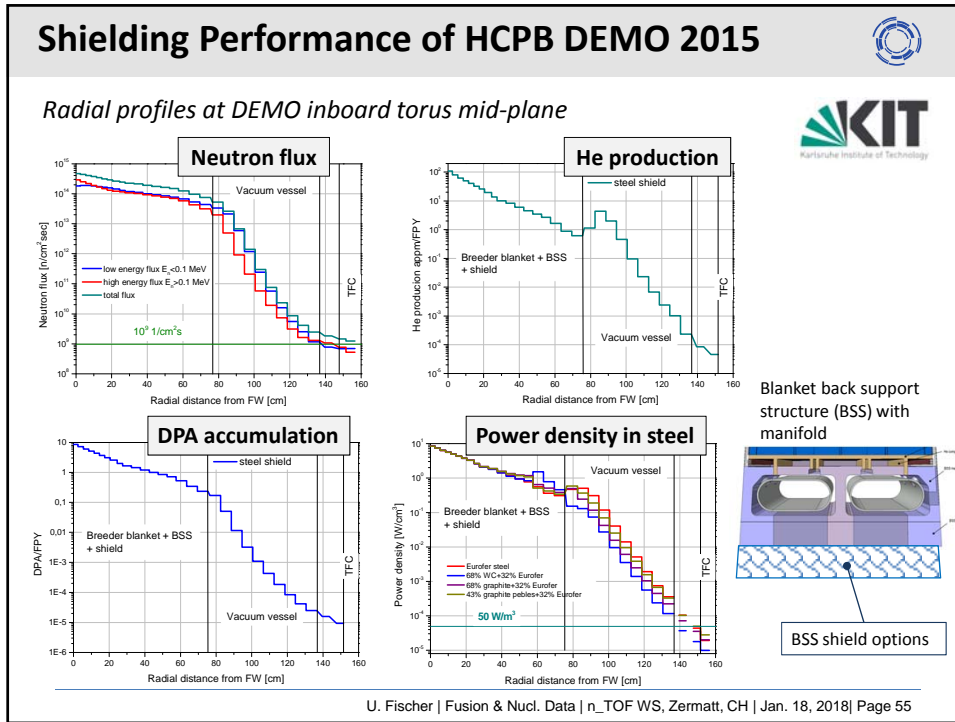
Fusion neutron power: 1630 MW
 \Rightarrow **Energy multiplication** through nuclear reactions

	Energy multiplication M_E
HCPB	1.35
HCLL	1.199
DCLL	1.198
WCLL	1.20

Power release fraction	
Blanket modules	\cong 90 %
Divertor	5 – 6 %
VV/shield	balance

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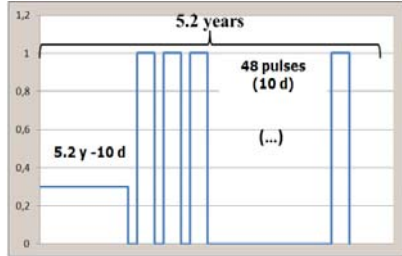




Activation and afterheat

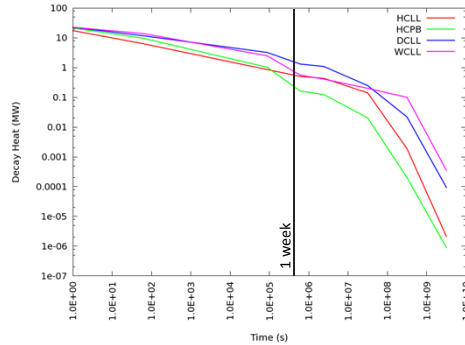


Irradiation scheme



Decay heat of blanket modules [MW]

DEMO 20014 (1572 MW fusion power)



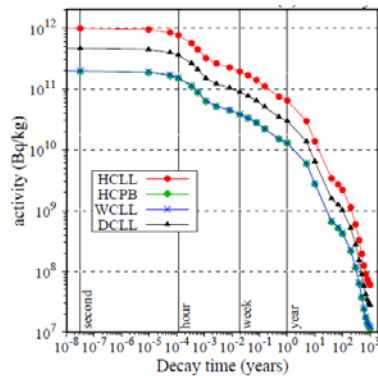
Decay heat power

- Typically 20 MW ($\cong 1.5\%$) @ 1s, $\cong 0.1 - 1$ MW ($\leq 0.1\%$) @ 1 week after shut-down
- Dominated by activation of Eurofer steel
- Significant differences among blanket concepts only for longer decay times (≥ 1 week) \Rightarrow Neutron spectra effects

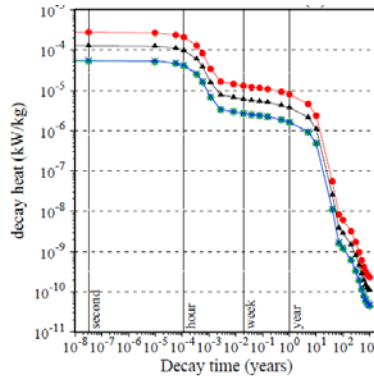
Vacuum vessel activation and decay heat



Specific activity [Bq/kg]



Decay heat density [kW/kg]



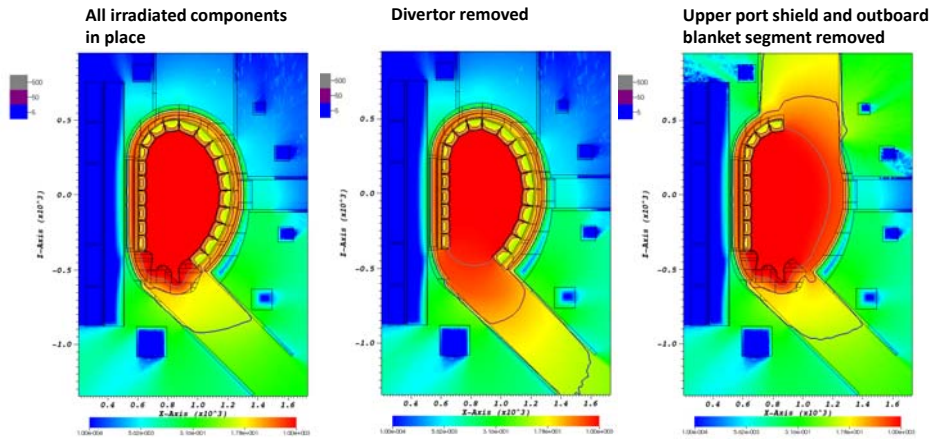
- Significant effect of blanket types (mixtures) on VV activation
- Highest VV activation for HCLL, lowest for HCPB and WCLL blanket mixtures
 - \Rightarrow Effect of neutron spectrum and flux attenuation across blanket modules
 - \Rightarrow Used for classification of radioactive waste

Radiation fields during maintenance



3D distributions of biological dose rates [Sv/h], 4 weeks after DEMO shut-down

HCPB DEMO 2014



- Similarly, radiation doses to materials/sensitive components
 ⇒ *Required for remote maintenance studies*

